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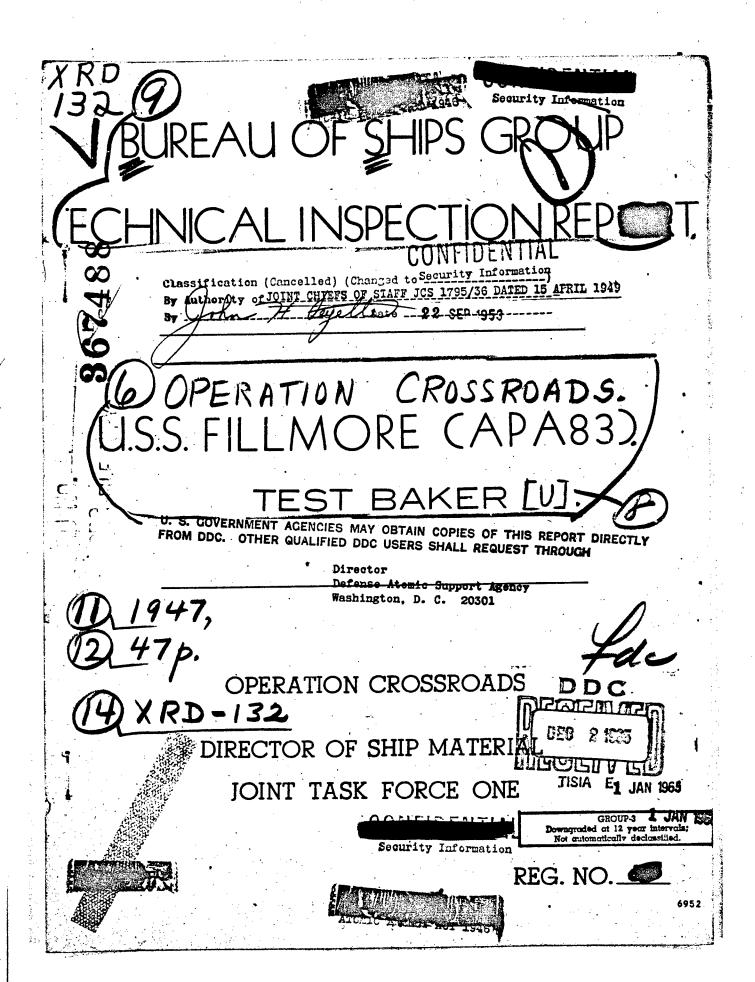
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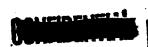
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SHIP CHARACTERISTICS

Building Yard: Consolidated Steel Corp.; Wilmington, Cal.

Commissioned: 25 February 1945.

HULL

Length Overall: 426 feet 0 inches.

Length on Waterline: 400 feet 0 inches.

Beam (extreme): 58 feet 0 inches.

Depth (molded at upper deck): 37 feet 0 inches.

Drafts at time of test: Fwd. 11 feet 6 inches.

Aft. 16 feet 10 inches.

Limiting displacement: 6,190 tons. Displacement at time of test: 5,947 tons.

MAIN PROPULSION PLANT

Main Engines: Two sets of Westinghouse steam turbines, directly connected to Westinghouse main generators. Two main shaft motors.

Main Condensers: Two are installed in ship.

Boil 's: Two Babcock and Wilcox boilers are installed in ship. 450 psi - gauge - 705° F.

Propellers: Two are installed.

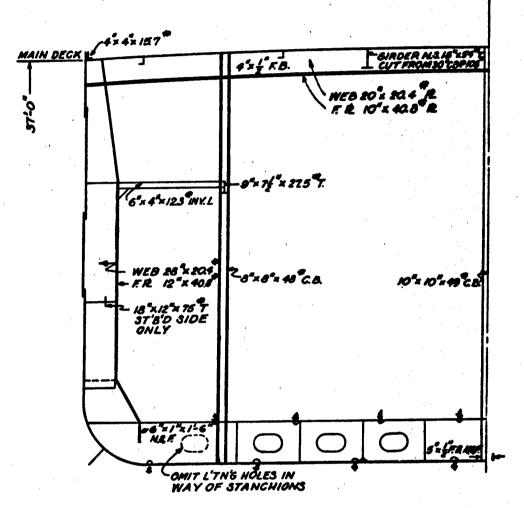
Main Shafts: Two are installed in ship.

Ships Service Generators: Five are installed in ship. Three 250 KW. - 450 V. - A.C. Two - 100 KW. - 120/240 V. - D.C.

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- I. Target Condition After Test.
 - (a) Drafts after test, general areas of flooding, sources.

There was no flooding, hence no change in drafts or list.

(b) Structural damage.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

No comment.

ELECTRICAL

There was no apparent structural damage.

(c) Other Damage.

HULL

Not observed.

MACHINERY

The machinery of this vessel was not damaged by Test B.

ELECTRICAL

The electric plant and electrical elements of ship control, fire control and gumery were undamaged and operable.

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п.	Forces	Evidenced	and	Effects	Noted.
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(a) Heat.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

No evidence.

ELECTRICAL

None evidenced.

(b) Fires and Explosions.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

No evidence.

ELECTRICAL

None evidenced.

(c) Shock.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

The ship apparently received a slight shock. The only evidence of this is the fact that leads left in the forward bearing of

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#1 main turbo-generator indicate a slight motion of the rotor, not over .003 inch.

ELECTRICAL

There was no damage to electrical equipment as a result of shock.

(d) Pressure.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

No evidence.

ELECTRICAL

There was no evidence of damage to any electrical equipment as a result of pressure.

(e) Effects peculiar to the Atom Bomb.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

None.

ELECTRICAL

Radioactivity was the only effect noted peculiar to the atom bomb.

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III. Results of Test on Target.

(a) Effect on machinery, electrical, and ship control.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

None.

ELECTRICAL

No effect.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

No comment.

ELECTRICAL

No effect.

(c) Effect on watertight integrity and stability.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

No comment.

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ELECTRICAL

No effect.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

None.

ELECTRICAL

- 1. Other than the effects from radioactivity, it is telieved that there would have been no personnel casualties.
- 2. There was no material damage which would affect the habitability of this vessel.
 - (e) Effect on fighting efficiency.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

None.

ELECTRICAL

Slight effect if any would have been noted in the fighting efficiency of this vessel.

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IV. General Summary of Observers' Impressions and Conclusions.

HULL

No comment.

MACHINERY

The FILLMORE was outside the effective range of the explosion during Test B.

ELECTRICAL

The material condition of this vessel is such as to indicate its position in the target array was outside the effective radius of the bomb. Other than radioactivity there was no evidence of this ship having been subjected to any unusual forces. Some compartments, particularly those below waterline and in vicinity of underwater shell plating are radioactive.

V. Any preliminary general or specific recommendations of the Inspecting Group.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

None.

ELECTRICAL

None.

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TECHNICAL INSPECTION REPORT

SECTION I - HULL

GENERAL SUMMARY OF HULL DAMAGE

- I. Target Condition After Test.
 - (a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.

There was no flooding, hence no change in drafts or list.

(b) Structural damage.

None.

(c) Other damage.

Not observed.

- II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.
 - (a) Heat.

None.

(b) Fires and explosions.

None.

(c) Shock.

None.

(d) Pressure.

None.

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(e) Effects apparently peculiar to the atom bomb.

None.

III. Effects of Damage.

(a) Effect on machinery, electrical and ship control.

None.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

None.

(c) Effect on water-tight integrity and stability.

None.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

None.

(e) Effect on fighting efficiency.

None.

IV. General Summary of Observers' Impressions and Conclusions.

No comment.

V. Preliminary General or Specific Recommendations of Inspection Group.

None.

VI. Instructions for Loading the Vessel Specified the Following:

Fuel Oil 50% Diesel Oil 50%

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ITEM LOADING

Ammunition 50%
Potable and reserve feed water 95%
Salt water ballast 620 tons

Details of the actual quantities of the various items aboard are included in Report 7, Stability Inspection Report submitted by the ship's force in accordance with "Instructions to Target Vessels for Tests and Observations by Ship's Force" issued by the Director of Ships Material. This report is available for inspection in the Bureau of Ships Crossroads Files.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HULL DAMAGE

A. General Description of Hull Damage.

No damage. General exterior views of the ship after Test B are on pages 33 and 34.

B. Superstructure.

No damage.

C. Turrets, Guns and Directors.

No damage.

D. Torpedo Mounts, Depth Charge Gear.

Not Applicable.

E. Weather Deck.

Several hatch boards on both hatches became dislodged and fell undamaged to the deck below. The location and recordings of six deflection scratch gages installed between the main and upper decks are on page 30 and 31.

F. Exterior Hull.

No damage.

G. Interior Compartments (above w.l.)

No damage.

H. Armor Decks and Miscellaneous Armor.

Not Applicable.

I. Interior Compartments (below w.l.)

No damage.

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J. Underwater Hull.

No damage.

K. Tanks.

No damage.

L. Flooding.

None.

M. Ventilation.

No damage.

N. Ship Control.

No damage.

O. Fire Control.

No damage.

P. Ammunition Behavior.

No damage.

Q. Ammunition Handling.

No damage.

R. Strength.

No damage.

S. Miscellaneous.

No comment.

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TECHNICAL INSPECTION REPORT

SECTION II - MACHINERY

GENERAL SUMMARY OF MACHINERY DAMAGE

- I. Target Condition After Test.
 - (a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.

No data taken by machinery group.

(b) Structural damage.

No comment.

(c) Other damage.

The machinery of this vessel was not damaged by

- II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.
 - (a) Heat.

No evidence.

(b) Fires and explosions.

No evidence.

(c) Shock.

The ship apparently reveived a slight shock. The only evidence of this is the fact that leads left in the forward bearing of #1 main turbo-generator indicate a slight motion of the rotor, not over .003 inch.

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(d) Pressure.

No evidence.

(e) Effects apparently peculiar to the atom bomb.

None.

III. Effects of Damage.

(a) Effect on machinery and ship control.

None.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

No comment.

(c) Effect on water-tight integrity and stability.

No comment.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

None.

(e) Total effect on fighting efficiency.

None.

IV. General Summary.

The FILLMORE was outside the effective range of the explosion during Test B.

V. Preliminary Recommendations.

None.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MACHINERY DAMAGE

- A. General Description of Machinery Damage.
 - (a) Overall condition.

Undamaged.

(b) Areas of major damage.

There were no areas of major damage.

(c) Primary cause of damage in each area of major damage.

This ship received no damage from Test B.

(d) Effect of target test on overall operation of machinery plant.

Test B had no effect on the overall operation of the machinery plant. Operation was resumed immediately after the test. All machinery has been operated. The ship was steamed at 15 knots. (131 R.P.M.).

B. Boilers.

Undamaged. The boilers were steamed at normal load. The ship made a 24 hour run at speeds up to 15 knots. Hydrostatic tests indicate no change in the tightness of the boilers.

HYDROSTATIC TEST ON #2 BOILER

	Before Test B	After Test B
Initial pressure	450 lbs/sq in.	450 lbs/sg in.
Pressure remaining	after	

5 hours	350 lbs/sg. in	350 lbs/sq. in.
18 hours	275 lbs/sq.in.	278 lbs/sq. in.
21 hours	, 270 lbs/sq.in.	262 lbs/sq.in.
24 hours	260 lbs/sq.in.	246 lbs/sq.in.

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C. Blowers.

Undamaged. All four blowers were operated after Test B, and functioned normally.

D. Fuel Oil Equipment.

Undamaged. All fuel oil equipment was operated after Test B, and functioned normally.

E. Boiler Feedwater Equipment.

Undamaged. All feedwater equipment was operated after Test B, and functioned normally.

F. Main Propulsion Machinery.

Undamaged. Both main turbo-generators were operated at speeds up to 15 knots after Test B. Conditions were normal.

Leads left in the forward bearing of #1 main turbogenerator indicate very slight motion of the rotor, not over .003 inch.

Forward lead	Before Test B	After Test B	Difference
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After lead	•001	.000	• 00.1
Port Top	.009 .011	- . 007 . 008	.002 .003
Stb'd	.009	.009	.000

G. Reduction Gears.

Not Applicable.

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H. Shafting and Gearings.

Undamaged. Shafting and bearings were checked while the ship was underway, and functioned normally.

I. Lubrication System.

Undamaged. The lubrication system was checked while the ship was underway, and functioned normally.

J. Condensers and Air Ejectors.

Undamaged. The main and auxiliary condensers have been operated under service conditions, and functioned normally.

K. Pumps.

Undamaged. All the pumps have been operated at normal working pressures. F. formance was normal.

L. Auxiliary Generators (Turbines and Gears).

Undamaged. All turbo-generators have been operated since Test B. Performance was normal.

M. Propellers.

Undamaged. The propellers functioned normally while the ship was underway at speeds up to 15 knots.

N. Distilling Plant.

Undamaged. The distilling plant was placed in operation immediately after Test B, and functioned normally.

O. Refrigeration Plant.

Undamaged. The refrigerating plant was placed in operation immediately after Test B, and functioned normally.

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P. Winches, Windlasses, and Capstans.

Undamaged. All equipment under this heading was operated after Test B, and functioned normally.

Q. Steering Engine.

Undamaged. Both steering units have been operated from all stations, and functioned normally.

R. Elevators, Ammunition Hoists, Etc..

Undamaged. The ammunition hoists and gasoline hoist were operated. Conditions were found normal.

S. Ventilation (Machinery).

Undamaged. The ventilation machinery was placed in operation immediately after Test B, and functioned normally.

T. Compressed Air Plant.

Undamaged. The air compressor was operated after Test B, and functioned normally.

U. Diesels (Generators and Boats).

Undamaged. The emergency diesel generator and the diesel fire pumps were operated for 5-1/2 hrs. after Test B, and functioned normally.

V. Piping Systems.

Undamaged. All the piping systems were operated at normal working pressures. Conditions were found to be normal.

W. Miscellaneous.

Undamaged. All galley, laundry, and machine shop equipment has been operated since Test B. Performance was normal.

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SECTION III - ELECTRICAL

GENERAL SUMMARY OF ELECTRICAL DAMAGE

- I. Target Condition After Test.
 - (a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.
 - 1. Drafts after test.

Not observed.

2. List.

Not observed.

3. Flooding.

None.

(b) Structural damage.

There was no apparent structural damage.

(c) Other damage.

The electric plant and electrical elements of ship control, fire control and gunnery were undamaged and operable.

- II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.
 - (a) Heat.

None evidenced.

(b) Fires and explosions.

None evidenced.

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(c) Shock.

There was no damage to electrical equipment as a result of shock.

(d) Pressure.

There was no evidence of damage to any electrical equipment as a result of pressure.

(e) Any effects apparently peculiar to the atom bomb.

Radioactivity was the only effects noted apparently peculiar to the atom bomb.

III. Effects of Damage.

(a) Effect on propulsion and ship control.

No effect.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

No effect.

(c) Effect on water-tight integrity and stability.

No effect.

- (d) Effect on personnel and habitability.
- 1. Other than the effect from radioactivity, it is believed that there would have been no personnel casualties.
- 2. There was no material damage which would affect the habitability of this vessel.

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(e) Total effect on fighting efficiency.

Slight effect if any would have been noted in the fighting efficiency of this vessel.

IV. General Summary of Observers' Impressions and Conclusions.

The material condition of this vessel is such as to indicate its position in the target array was outside the effective radius of the bomb. Other than radioactivity there was no evidence of this ship having been subjected to any unusual forces. Some compartments particularily below waterline and in vicinity of underwater shell plating are radioactive.

V. Recommendations.

None.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRICAL DAMAGE

- A. General Description of Electrical Damage.
 - (a) Overall condition.

The overall condition of the electrical plant, electrical elements of ship control, fire control and gunnery were undamaged and operated satisfactorily.

(b) Areas of major damage.

None.

- (c) Primary causes of damage in each area of major damage.

 No damage.
- (d) Effect of target test on overall operation of electric plant.
 - Ship's service generator plant.
 Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.
 - Engine and boiler auxiliaries.
 Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.
 - 3. Electrical propulsion.

 Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.
 - 4. Communications.

 Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.
 - Fire control circuits.
 Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

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6. Ventilation.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

7. Lighting.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

(e) Types of equipment most affected.

None.

B. Electric Propulsion Rotating Equipment.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

C. Electric Propulsion Control Equipment.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

D. Generators - Ships Service.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

E. Generators - Emergency.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

F. Switchboards, Distribution and Transfer Panels.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

G. Wiring, Wiring Equipment and Wireways.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

H. Transformers.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

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I. Submarine Propelling Batteries.

Not Applicable.

I. Portable Batteries.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

K. Motors, Motor Generator Sets and Motor Controllers.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

L. Lighting Equipment.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

M. Searchlights.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

N. Degaussing Equipment.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

O. Gyro Compass Equipment.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

P. Sound Powered Telephones.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

Q. Ship's Service Telephones.

Not Applicable.

R. Announcing Systems.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

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S. Telegraphs.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

T. Indicating Systems.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

U. I.C. and A.C.O. Switchboards.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

V. F.C. Switchboard.

Undamaged. Operated satisfactorily.

W. Miscellaneous.

No comment.

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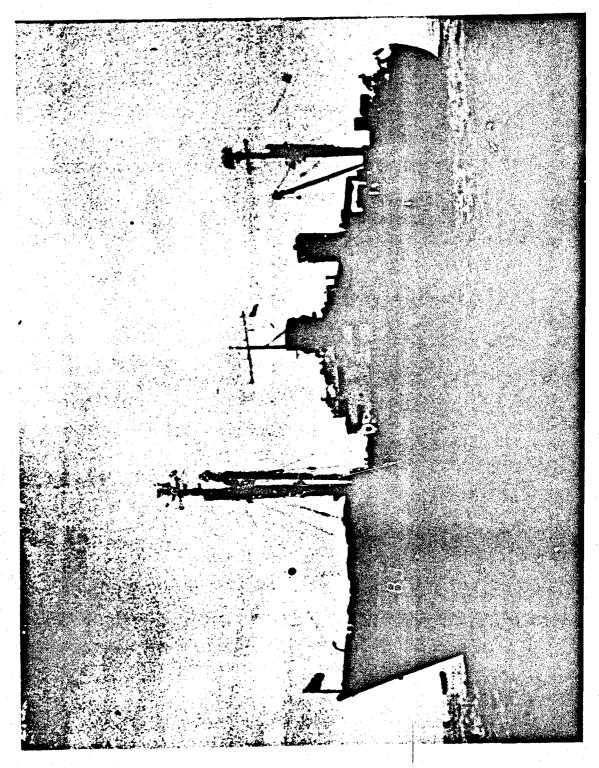
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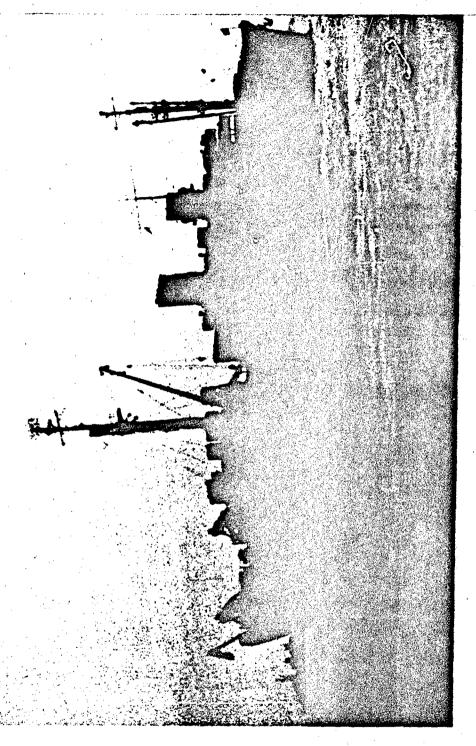
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AB-CR-227-289-24. Starboard quarter after Test B.

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PART A - GENERAL SUMMARY

- I. Target Condition After Test.
- (a) Draft was the same as before test; forward 11' 00", aft 16' 06", mean 13' 09". There was no list; there was no flooding.
 - (b) No apparent structural damage was done to this vessel.
- (c) No apparent damage was done to machinery, electrical, ship control, fire control, gunnery or electronic equipment. Operability of above machinery and equipment has not been impaired.
- (d) No apparent effect was produced by heat. There were no fires. It is estimated that not more than ten (10) percent of the exposed personnel would have become casualties; personnel below decks none.
- II. Forces evidenced and effects noted.
- (a) No effect of heat was noted. Heat did not penetrate hull structure.
 - (b) There were no fires; there were no explosions.
 - (c) No effect of shock was noted.
- (d) No effect of pressure was noted except as listed in Para. R. Section 1 of Part C below.
- (e) No effect apparently peculiar to the Atom Bomb was noted.
- III. Results of Baker Test on Target.
 - (a) Ship propulsion and ship control was not impaired.

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- (b) Gunnery and fire control equipment was not impaired.
- (c) Water tight integrity and stability was not damaged or impaired.
- (d) It is estimated that not more than ten (10) percent of the exposed personnel would have been casualties. Ship was livable.
- (e) Except for loss of exposed personnel, fighting efficiency of the ship would not be reduced.

IV. General Summary.

Damage to this vessel as a result of the 'Baker' Atom Bomb was zero. Personnel casualties would not have been serious. Fighting efficiency of the ship would have been reduced but slightly as a result of personnel casualties.

V. Recommendations.

All exposed personnel could be protected to a certain extent by the installation of metal shields and by the wearing of white coveralls plus face masks.

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SECTION A - HULL

A. General Description of Hull Damage.

No damage.

B. Superstructure and Weather Decks.

No damage.

C. Turrets, Guns and Directors.

No damage.

D. Torpedo Tubes and Appurtenances.

There are no torpedo mounts or depth charge gear.

E. Weather Decks.

No damage.

F. Exterior Hull Above Waterline.

No damage.

G. Compartments.

No damage.

H. Armor Decks.

No armor deck is fitted.

I. Interior Compartments (below waterline).

No damage.

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J. Underwater Hull.

No damage.

K. Tanks.

No damage.

L. Flooding.

There was no flooding.

M. Ventilation.

No damage.

N. Ship Control and Fire Control Stations.

No damage.

O. Fire Control.

No damage.

P. Ammunition Stowage.

No damage.

Q. Ammunition Handling.

No damage.

R. Strength.

No damage.

Depression Gauges Recorded as Follows:

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	UP	DOWN	GAUGE	SAG
Gauge at Fr. 116, 9 feet to stbd.	Yes Yes No Yes	No No No No	2/32" 5/32" 5/32"	No No No
Gauge at Fr. 129 1/2, 9 feet to port.	No	No		No
Gauge at Fr. 129 1/2, 9 feet to stbd.	No	No		No

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SECTION B - MACHINERY

A. General Description of Machinery Damage.

No damage.

B. Boilers.

No damage.

C. Blowers.

No damage.

D. Fuel Oil Equipment.

No damage.

E. Boiler Feedwater Equipment.

No damage.

F. Main Propulsion Machinery.

No damage.

G. Reduction Gears.

No damage.

H. Shafting and Bearings.

No damage.

I. Lubrication System.

No damage.

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J. Condensers and Air Ejectors.

No damage.

K. Pumps.

No damage.

L. Auxiliary Generator.

No damage.

M. Propellers.

No damage.

N. Distilling Plant.

No damage.

O. Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Plants.

No damage.

P. Winches, Windlasses, and Capstans.

No damage.

Q. Steering and Diving.

No damage.

R. Elevators, Ammunition Hoists, etc.

No damage.

S. Ventilation (Machinery).

No damage.

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T. Compressed Air Plant.

No damage.

U. Diesels.

No damage.

V. Piping Systems.

No damage.

AA. Miscellaneous.

None.

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SECTION C - ELECTRICAL

A. General Description of Electrical Damage.

No damage.

B. Electric Propulsion Rotating Equipment.

No damage.

C. Electric Propulsion Control Equipment.

No damage.

D. Generators - Ships Service.

No damage.

E. Generators - Emergency.

No damage.

F. Switchboards, Distribution and Transfer Panels.

No damage.

G. Wiring, Wiring Equipment, and Wireways.

No damage.

H. Transformers.

No damage.

L Submarine Propelling Batteries.

Submarine propelling batteries are not installed.

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J. Portable Batteries.

No damage.

K. Motors, Motor Generator Sets and Motor Controllers.

No damage.

L. Lighting Equipment.

No damage.

M. Searchlights.

No damage.

N. Degaussing Equipment.

No damage.

O. Gyro Compass Equipment.

No damage.

P. Sound Powered Telephones.

No damage.

Q. Ship Service Telephones.

Ship's service telephones are not installed.

R. Announcing Systems.

No damage.

S. Telegraphs.

No damage.

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T. Indicating Systems.

No damage.

U. I. C. and A. C. O. Switchboards.

No damage.

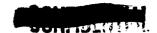
V. F. C. Switchboards.

No damage.

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SECTION D - ELECTRONICS

- A. General Description of Electronics Damage.

 No damage.
- B. Fire Control Radar.

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